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RP Bans Dutch Poultry and Poultry Products

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Report Highlights:

The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) has issued Memorandum Order No. 10 dated March 7, 2003 imposing a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from the Netherlands. The order took effect on March 13, 2003, in response to a reported outbreak of highly pathogenic Avian Influenza in the Netherlands.

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The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) has temporarily banned all imports of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old-chicks, eggs and semen from the Netherlands based on a report submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Netherlands to the Office Internationale des Epizooties (OIE) which confirmed the outbreak of highly pathogenic Avian Influenza in the country. The ban was made formal as DA Memorandum Order No. 10, dated March 4, 2003. This order became effective on March 13, 2003.

The Philippines imported \$4.2 million worth of day-old-chicks (DOCs) from the Netherlands in the first eleven months of 2002, up nearly two hundred percent from same period in 2001. The Netherlands is the largest supplier of DOCs to the Philippines followed by the United States and United Kingdom.

Text of the memorandum follows:

04 March 2003

Memorandum Order No. 10
Series of 2003

Subject : TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY-OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM THE NETHERLANDS

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, based on a report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 03 march 2003, has confirmed an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI);

WHEREAS, the Philippines imports poultry and poultry products from Netherlands;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of pathogenic virus causing avian flu to protect the health of the local poultry population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including day-old chicks, eggs and semen from the Netherlands;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance/International Veterinary Certificate Import Permit for applications relevant to the importation of the above-stated commodities from the Netherlands by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of poultry and poultry products into the country originating from the Netherlands by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major sea/air ports.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

(Signed)
LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:

(Signed)
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